

SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – Planning Report – 12 May 2016

(The Planning Committee has not needed to convene since the last meeting of the Council.)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following applications are to be considered at the meeting:

S/03/211E – Full permission for creation of skateboarding park at the recreation ground, Sedbergh

As agreed at the last meeting, the YDNPA was advised that the Council's comments would be forwarded after consideration of the application at this meeting. The Authority was reminded that the Council has formally declined to enter into a lease arrangement with the Community Trust.

The YDNPA was also advised that clarification should be sought from the applicant on two matters:

(1) The dimensions of the proposed skateboarding park as there is a discrepancy between the submitted plans (26m. x 12m.) and the accompanying statement (25m. x 15m.)

(2) The engineering works proposed as the site in question has an appreciable fall north to south and a proper understanding of the proposal requires the submission of an accurate section drawing showing existing and proposed ground levels, such a section to extend from the Howgill Lane carriageway to the perimeter of the football pitch.

On 2 May the Trust submitted additional details to the YDNPA on which the Council has been consulted. These details have been circulated to members. In summary, this submission states that:

- the precise size of the skateboarding park has not been decided (because a supplier has not been chosen) but that the YDNPA should regard the maximum size as 26m x 15m;
- *'the elevation drawings are as accurate as possible taking into account the undulating nature of the site. No section through the 25 length would be regular. In practice we would expect our chosen supplier to take advantage of the "undulations" to add excitement to the Park'*. A cross section drawing is submitted;
- the access to the site would be via the car park;
- the proposal *'would have little effect on local drainage'*; and
- the Trust does not consider it necessary to engage a noise consultant at this time.

The Council has been provided with a copy of an objection to this application which has been submitted to the YDNPA by Sedbergh Wanderers Junior Football Club (and which accompanies this report). In essence, the Club states that there is insufficient space on the northern side of the field to accommodate both an improved junior football pitch and the proposed skateboarding park. It is understood that the Club is seeking funding to provide a pitch to FA standards which would require an area of approximately 55m x 34m.(presumably over-run areas free from obstruction would also be required).

Confusingly, the Trust's amended details letter includes a postscript indicating that a site meeting with a representative of the Junior Football Club concluded that both the football pitch and the skateboarding park would 'fit into' the recreation ground.

S/03/591 - Full permission for demolition of single storey stone pavilion and erection of new multi-courts centre with associated changing facilities and hospitality suite (Sedbergh School) on land at Busk Lane, Sedbergh.

Following discussion at the March meeting, the Council formally objected to this application on the grounds that the proposed parking arrangements were considered inadequate.

Amended details have been submitted which provide for (1) an amended roof plan; (2) a plan showing visibility splays at the access to the site; and (3) a revised parking management plan (which has been circulated to members and which is attached to this report).

The Council had been advised that the application would be considered by the YDNPA's Planning Committee on 10 May – two days before this meeting – and therefore no formal view on the amendments has been submitted by the Parish Council.

PLANNING DECISIONS:

The YDNPA has advised the Council of its decisions on planning applications as follows:

S/03/181B - Full permission for erection of agricultural building at Becksides, Howgill, Sedbergh.
Approved with conditions

S/03/13E – Full permission for erection of garage with attached garden room at Low Hollins Barn, Frostrow, Sedbergh.
Approved with conditions

S/03/609 – Full permission for erection of single storey extension to side elevation at 14 Guldrey Fold, Sedbergh.
Approved with conditions

S/03/376A – Full permission for change of use of workshop, builder's yard, office and store to live-work unit at Abbot Holme, Millthrop, Sedbergh.
Withdrawn

S/03/424B – Full permission for erection of storage building to replace two existing buildings on land adjacent to Ingmire Court, Ingmire Back Lane, Sedbergh
Approved with conditions